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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Assistant to the Director  
Mr. Joseph Goodwin

**SUBJECT :** Release of Classified Photographs  
to TIME-LIFE Bureau Chief

1. Mr. Lundahl was asked by the Director to provide background assistance to Mr. Richard Stolley, TIME-LIFE Bureau Chief in Washington. Stolley had requested Agency assistance in obtaining information for use in a special December issue of LIFE Magazine on photography.

2. NPIC has been able to provide Stolley with considerable background material, but has requested guidance on one question which will require policy approval. Stolley has requested a copy of a photograph of a "cable bridge" in North Vietnam. These pictures, taken by American tactical aircraft, have always been classified Confidential. The "cable bridges" are used by the North Vietnamese to mislead us into thinking that they remain out of commission, since only the cable supports, which are very difficult to detect by photo interpretation, are in place during daytime. By night, however, prefabricated sections of roadbed are quickly put in place on the cable supports, permitting motor vehicles to use the bridge. Stolley wishes to use a picture of such a bridge to highlight the problems faced by photo interpreters working on Vietnam.

3. Mr. Lundahl requests authority to make a photograph of a North Vietnamese "cable bridge" available to Mr. Stolley. I consider that this is primarily a question for the Department of Defense and request that you take steps to obtain appropriate clearance from the Director and the Department of Defense for release of the photography.

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